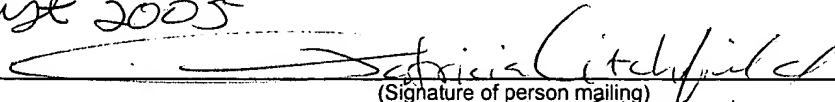


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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

This is in response to the non-Final Office Action mailed on March 8, 2005 in the above-identified application, the term for response having been extended two (2) months to August 8, 2005 by including the appropriate fee and petition herewith.

A copy of the claims in current form is appended at the end of Applicants' traversal starting on its own separate sheet.